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Cadiz, July 9. N. S.

SOme days ago 6 Spaniſh Men of War came down from *Puntal* into the Bay, being to convoy the Flota, which may be ready to depart for the *Weſt-Indies* about the 20th of this month; and with this opportunity the new Vice-roys of *Peru* and *Mexico* intend to go thither; The 5th Inſtant at night a ſmall Engliſh Pink called the *Phœnix*, *John Joblin* Maſter, took fire by ſome accident, and her Cable being burnt, was carried by a freſh *Levant*, all in flames, 2 Leagues to Sea off *St. Sebaſtians Point*, the Men narrowly eſcaping; and the Spaniſh Men of War and ſeveral other Ships being forced to ſlip their Cables to get clear of her; The Veſſel was laden with Proviſions, and was burnt down to the Water. The *Canterbury* and *Romney* came to an Anchor off this place yeſterday, having brought in with them a Ship of 14 Guns bound from *Marſeilles* to *Lisbon*, which we do not doubt will prove a Prize; ſhe having chaſed an Engliſh Ship near *Barcelona* under French Colours.

Malaga, July 17. We have an account from *Ceuta*, that on the 6th Inſtant the Spaniards made a Sally with 600 Men, and ſprung ſeveral Mines, and beat the Moors from their Trenches, having deſtroyed above 300 of them, with the loſs only of 10 Men on our ſide.

Madrid, July 18. The Letters from *Barcelona* of the 7th Inſtant tell us, that a Detachement ſent from the Spaniſh Camp at *Oſtalric*, had taken a Convoy of 40 Mules laden with Proviſions for the French Troops, having defeated the Party of 50 Men that guarded them. The French Veſſels bound to *Blanes*, which were lately taken by two Spaniſh Galleys, prove to be of greater value than was at firſt reported, having on board a conſiderable Sum of Money for payment of their Army, as alſo the Baggage of divers Officers.

Madrid, July 25. The Report of the Queen of *Spain*'s being with Child ſtill continues, and occaſions a great Joy at this Court; and 'tis ſaid, that her Majeſty will be carried in a Sedan on the 25th of the next month to the Lady of *Atocha* at a Convent of the Dominicans, where will be publick Thankſgiving. They write from the Spaniſh Army at *Oſtalric* of the 18th Inſtant, that the Miquelets had taken near the French Camp five Mules laden with part of the Duke of *Vendoſme*'s Baggage: That on the 10th there came over to us 24 Deſerters from the French Army: That on the 11th a Detachement of 4000 Horſe and Foot marched from the French Camp to *Caſtella* to draw out the Gariſon they had there, which being done, they blew up the Fortifications of the Town; But in their Retreat a Body of the Spaniſh Troops commanded by Don *Bernardo Pignatelli*, fell upon the French, who were likewiſe ſupported by a Detachement from their Army; The Diſpute laſted ſeveral hours, and the Enemy ſuffered very much; The loſs on our ſide was inconſiderable; We are expecting to hear that the French have likewiſe abandoned *Pineda*, and the Neighbouring Places, which they are not in a condition to maintain. The Galleys of *Sicily* paſſed by *Alicant* the 16th Inſtant bound to *Cartagena*.

Coruna, Aug. 4. N. S. The *Spaniſh-Allyance* Pacquet Boat arrived here the 2d Inſtant in 4 days from *Falmouth*. An *Oſtend* Man of War called the *Queen of Spain* came into this Port the 29th of the laſt month with a French Privateer of 18 Guns and 83 Men, taken on the Coaſt of *Portugal*; The *Dolphin* Frigat took the firſt Inſtant off the Iſlands of *Bayonne* a French Privateer of 12 Guns and 60 Men. The *Burlington* took another ſmall French Privateer of 8 Guns, and carried her to *Lisbon*.

Dublin, July 31. His Majeſty's Commiſſion, conſtituting the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Porter* Kt. Lord Chancellor of this Kingdom, *Charles* Earl of *Montrath*, and *Henry* Earl of *Drogheda*, Lords-Juſtices and General Governors of *Ireland*, being brought hither on Wedneſday laſt; The Council Met the ſame day about 5 in the afternoon at the Council-Chamber, where their Lordſhips were Sworn in the uſual manner; after which they returned to the Caſtle with the Solemnity Cuſtomary on like Occaſions; At night there were Bonfires and Ringing of Bells; And this day the Lord Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and the Sheriffs of this City waited on the Lords-Juſtices to Congratulate their being placed in this Government: And the Provoſt, and Fellows of the Colledge here, have deſired Leave to wait upon their Lordſhips to morrow, with the ſame Compliments.

Newcaſtle, Aug. 1. On Wedneſday laſt ſailed from our Bar the two *Weſt-India* Ships (who lately arrived here) with about 140 Sail of Laden Colliers. On Sunday the 4 Men of War that were Convoy to the *Ruſſia* Ships, returned hither; and this Evening they intend to ſail again with a Fleet of 400 Laden Colliers. At the ſame time will ſail two *Rotterdam* Men of War with the Merchant Ships bound to *Holland*.

Falmouth, Aug. 1. The 29th came in here a Dutch Privateer, called the *Hanibal* of *Flushing*, from cruiſing in the Bay of *Biſcay*, where he took ſome days ago a French Ship laden with Wines and Brandy, and ſent her to *Holland*. On the 30th arrived here the *Phœnix* of *London*, *John Jacob* Maſter, from *Final*, who near the Lands-end met a French Caper of 6 Guns and 60 Men, and fought him two hours, during which time the French Boarded the *Phœnix*, but were beat off, leaving their Lieutenant and 5 Men more behind them, who are brought hither Priſoners; The Privateer having loſt many of his Men, and the Captain himſelf wounded, bore away; Of the Engliſh there was only one Man wounded. The Priſoners report, that the day before they took a Dutch Ship of 100 Tuns bound home with Oranges from *Lisbon*. The 30th came in the *Spaniſh Alliance* in 4 days from *Coruna*; as alſo the *Poſtillion* from *Vigo*.

Deale, Aug. 4. Yeſterday Rear-Admiral *Benbow* ſailed out of the *Downes* with the Squadron under his command.

Whitehall, Aug. 5. The Aſſociation of the High Sheriff, Deputy Governors, Juſtices of the Peace, Proteſtant Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of *Clare*.

The Aſſociation of the Provoſt, Burgeſſes, Freemen, and other Inhabitants of *Ballyſhannon*.

And the Aſſociation of the Biſhop, Deans, Dignitaries, and Prebendaries of the Cathedrals of *Down* and *Connor*, and other the Clergy of the Dioceſs of *Down* and *Connor* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, have been preſented to their Excellencies the Lords-Juſtices.

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